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COAL GAS KILLS RICH MAN AND WIFE'S MAID

Joseph Buckingham Canfield, One of Bridgeport's Most Prominent Residents, and a Swedish Servant Found Lifeless—Mrs. Canfield's Escape.

It Is Supposed that Mr. Canfield in Arranging the Furnace Allowed the Poisonous Gas to Be Discharged Through the Heating Grates.

(Special to The Evening World.)
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 19.—Investigation into the death of Joseph Buckingham Canfield and his servant girl, Theolonda Anderson, and the prostration of Mrs. Canfield by the fumes of coal gas from a furnace in the Canfield cottage in Colorado avenue, appears to establish that the tragedy resulted from an accident.

Mr. Canfield, his wife and the servant were overcome on Wednesday night. All day yesterday the dead bodies of Mr. Canfield and the servant and the unconscious form of Mrs. Canfield lay in the cottage while tradesmen and neighbors rapped on the doors and Mr. Canfield's business associates called him up on the telephone. It was known that Mr. and Mrs. Canfield had gone to New York Wednesday, and when their home was closed yesterday the supposition was that they had not returned.

In order that there may be no doubt about the manner of death of Mr. Canfield and the servant the Coroner has ordered an autopsy, although the members of the Canfield family do not consider this step absolutely necessary. Mrs. Canfield, ill and dazed from her terrible experience, is attended by the matron for Police Headquarters and detectives are guarding the house as a matter of form.

HAD COMPLAINED OF THE SICKENING GAS.
The police have learned that Mr. Canfield complained about the hot-air furnace in his cottage. On last Tuesday he told his brother that he woke up in the morning with a headache caused by escaping gas from the furnace pipes and that his wife had also complained of a headache from the same cause.

The house occupied by the Canfields is a two-story and a half Queen Anne cottage. Mrs. Canfield slept in the front room on the second floor. Mr. Canfield's room was just in the rear of that of his wife, while the servant slept in the front room in the attic.

The first intimation of the tragedy that reached the outside world came shortly before midnight, when neighbors heard Mrs. Canfield screaming on her front porch. Soon afterward Mr. Canfield's brother was notified by telephone. When the police reached the house the windows had been open for some time, and the odor of coal gas, which was pronounced earlier, had disappeared.

There were two bulldogs in the house. Both of them were uneasy on their legs and showed traces of illness when the neighbors reached the house in response to Mrs. Canfield's call for help. The dogs had been trained to bark at any unusual noise outside the house and that they were silent yesterday when trades people knocked on the doors indicates that they were overcome by the gas.

OVERCOME ON WEDNESDAY.
Everything indicates that the three persons in the house were overcome on Wednesday night, and that Mrs. Canfield remained unconscious all of yesterday up to midnight, when some of the gas had escaped, leaving the air clearer.

The theory of the family is that after Mr. Canfield and his wife and the servant were asleep they were overcome by the coal gas, and that Mr. Canfield and the girl died within a few hours. Mrs. Canfield's room was remote from a register, and perhaps she had one of the windows slightly open. At any rate, she was not entirely overcome, and when the fire in the furnace had gone out and some of the gas had sifted out of the house she recovered sufficiently to get out of bed and investigate.

Joseph B. Canfield after leaving college went into his father's factory and learned the business from the ground up. He was an enthusiastic, industrious young man and insisted upon advancing upon his merits.

THE ROMANCE OF HIS MARRIAGE.
When he had been promoted to one of the chief executive positions in the company he was looking out of the window of the office one day at a crowd of girls entering the factory of Burns, Silver & Co., across the street. His attention was attracted to one girl.

She was very beautiful, of exquisite figure and carried herself proudly. It was a case of love at first sight on the part of the young millionaire. He secured an introduction and courted the girl, who proved to be an orphan.

His family did not object to his marriage. His relatives say that he never had a quarrel with his wife and that their home life was perfectly happy.

The name of the servant girl is not known. She was about twenty-four years of age and had not lived with the Canfields long.

STATEMENT BY MRS. CANFIELD.
"We went to bed Wednesday night," she told Dr. Doten, "and we were soon asleep. Some time yesterday I was awakened by my husband, who crawled into bed beside me. I know it was daylight, but I felt as though I were choking. I could not move and went to sleep again."

"When next I woke up it was dark. My head felt as though it were bursting and my throat was in such shape that I could scarcely swallow. I moved and touched the body of my husband. It was cold."

"Then I jumped out of bed and screamed for Mary, the servant. She did not answer. I found matches, lit up the house and ran to her room. She was dead in bed. Then I ran to the front stoop in my night clothes and screamed for help."

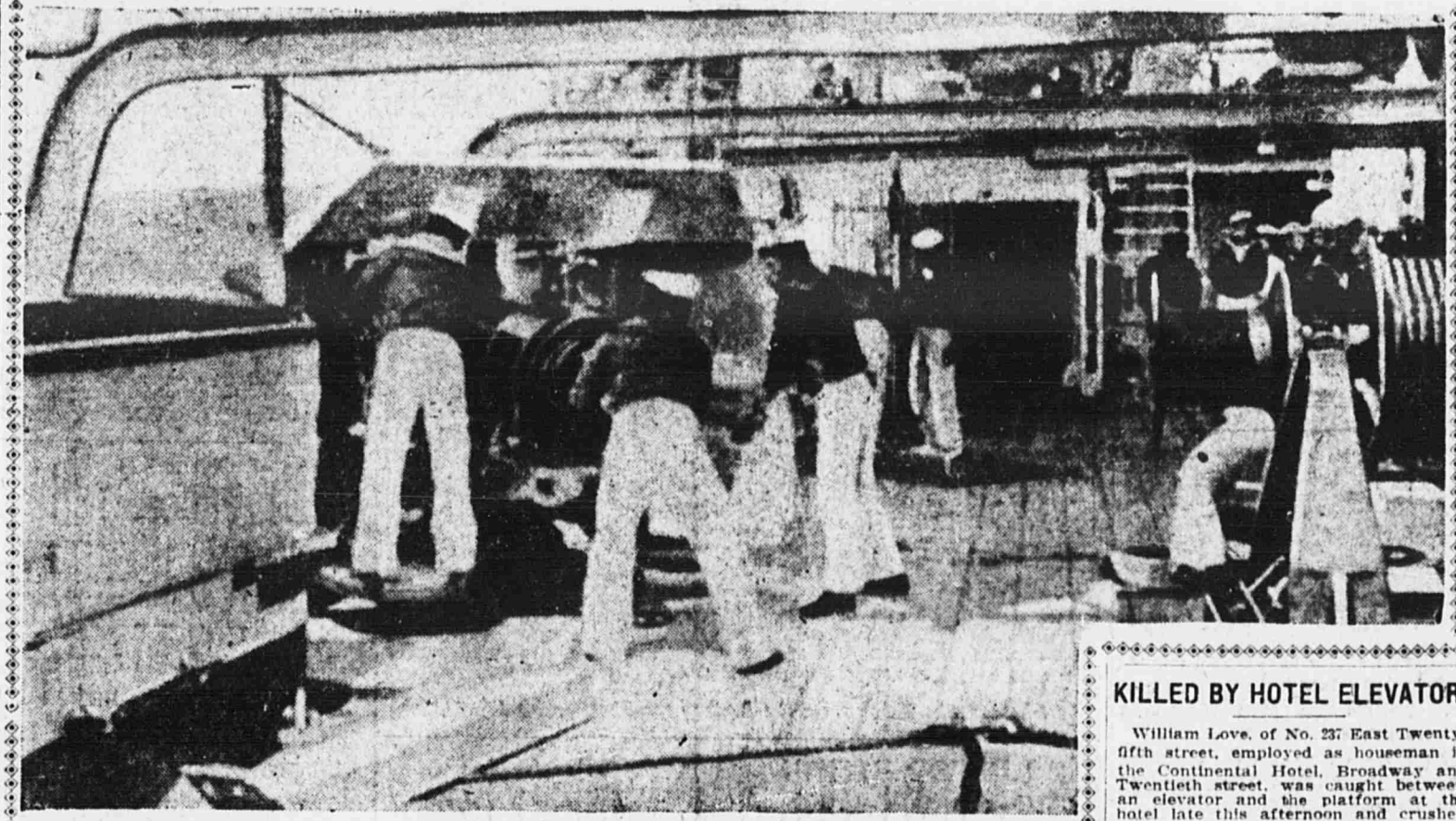
BURGLAR GETS 17 YEARS.

Walter Davis Shot Policeman and Robbed Safe.

Walter Davis, twenty-seven years old, of No. 119 Adams street, against whom the Grand Jury brought indictments of robbery in the first degree, grand larceny and assault, pleaded guilty to the first charge to-day in General Sessions, and was sentenced to seventeen years in Sing Sing by Recorder Goff.

While being arraigned in the Centre

CREW OF THE JAPANESE CRUISER ASAMA HAVING TARGET PRACTICE.



KILLED BY HOTEL ELEVATOR.

William Love, of No. 27 East Twenty-fifth street, employed as houseman in the Continental Hotel, Broadway and Twentieth street, was caught between an elevator and the platform at the hotel late this afternoon and crushed to death. He was twenty-two years old.

WOMAN STRANGELY DEAD LEFT FORTUNE TO LAWYER

Will of Henrietta Schwartz, Diamond Dealer, Who Is Believed to Have Been Robbed and Burned, Gives Her Estate to Stillman Foster Kneeland.

Henrietta Schwartz, the wealthy and beautiful woman, diamond dealer and money lender, who lost her life so mysteriously by burning in her home, at No. 8 East Forty-second street, on Wednesday, bequeathed all her property to Stillman Foster Kneeland, who lives at No. 110 Berkeley place, Brooklyn. She says in her will that he was good to her when her family had turned the cold shoulder.

Mr. Kneeland is named as executor, and his attorney, George W. Glaze, of No. 246 Broadway, filed it this afternoon. It read as follows:

"After all my debts are paid, I give, devise and bequeath all my property, real and personal, to Mr. Stillman Foster Kneeland, of No. 369 Broadway, in consideration for his kindness to me when my own relatives refused to show ordinary affection and duty toward their own."

"I desire that my body be cremated and that a fitting monument be placed over my ashes in the Salem Fields Cemetery, connected with the Temple Emanuel, at a cost of \$1,000."

The petition estimates Miss Schwartz's real estate at \$3,500 and her personal estate at \$10,000, but it is known to be much more.

Miss Schwartz's mother, Mrs. Sophia Schwartz, lives at No. 52 Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, and there are six brothers and sisters.

Stillman F. Kneeland is a member of the law firm of Kneeland, La Fetra & Glaze, at No. 346 Broadway.

"I have been her attorney for twenty years," said Mr. Kneeland, "and did her many favors when her family went back on her. I do not think there will be a contest."

Death Still a Mystery.

The mystery surrounding the death of Miss Schwartz was as deep as ever to-day.

Both the police and Stillman F. Kneeland, of No. 346 Broadway, Miss Schwartz's attorney, declare that they are convinced that the woman was not murdered. The only circumstance that the police are investigating is the visit to Miss Schwartz of a man and woman from Boston on the days immediately preceding her death.

This man and woman, according to J. C. Gardner, a real-estate agent, whose office is in the burned house, and who knew Miss Schwartz very well, came to New York to purchase diamonds from the dead woman.

"Miss Schwartz told me early last week," said Mr. Gardner to-day, "that she expected a visit from this couple. She said that she had known the man for many years and liked him. She had never seen the woman, to whom he had recently been married. She said that he wanted to buy a \$1,000 diamond and other jewelry. She knew he did not have much money, but understood that he could put up security for the jewels expected to let him have. She asked me to look the man over when I saw him and tell her what I thought of him."

Didn't Like His Looks.
"I saw the couple when they came to the house last Saturday. When Miss

Schwartz again asked me what I thought of him I told her that I didn't like his looks."

"On Sunday afternoon the man and woman went to the house, but before going to Miss Schwartz's apartment they bought two bottles of beer in the saloon in the basement."

"On Monday Miss Schwartz came to me and said: 'I was awfully ill after drinking that beer yesterday. I felt as funny that this morning I asked my woman visitor if she had put any poison in it. Then she asked me: 'Why were you sick after drinking the beer?' I was too, and so was my husband. I guess it must have been pretty poor beer."

According to Capt. Burford, of the Tenderloin station, who is investigating the strange facts surrounding Miss Schwartz's death, this man and woman were constantly at her apartments during the few days preceding her death.

FIVE FAVORITES BEATEN AT NEW ORLEANS TO-DAY.

As a Consequence Talent Lose Heavily, While Bookmakers Enlarge Their Bankrolls—Pronta Only Favorite to Win—Our Nugget Dies from Injuries.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19.—It drizzled lightly this morning, but the track suffered no ill effects and fast time was in order this afternoon. The threatening weather kept the attendance to the regular element. Business in the ring was extremely light. The first shipment of horses to Hot Springs took place to-day. Over again, Joe Goss and Jimmons were about the beat of the horses taken to the Valley of Vapors.

Bob Turner, the New York bookmaker, and Mose Goldblatt renewed their trouble in the Charles Hotel rotunda last night. The row started three years ago, when Goldblatt claimed cherries from Turner and Morris Hayman. Turner got even by running up Yastry Thursday, which caused the war of words.

For a while it looked like the pair would clash, but the belligerent turfmen were separated by friends before they could damage each other.

Our Nugget, which fell in a race yesterday, died from her injuries last night. While Hennessey was riding her when she went down. He escaped with a severe shaking up.

THE WINNERS.
FIRST RACE—icicle (13 to 1) 1. Tally H. (9 to 5) 2. Four Leaf Clover 3.

SECOND RACE—Blaze Duchesse (15 to 1) 1. Truffle Hunter (7 to 2) 2. Isabella D. 3.

THIRD RACE—Midshipman (6 to 1) 1. Louis Kraft (6 to 1) 2. Circus Girl 3.

FOURTH RACE—Redman (10 to 1) 1. Foresight (3 to 5) 2. Lady Lavish 3.

FIFTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

SIXTH RACE—Peeper (11 to 2) 1. Aggie Lewis (2 to 1) 2. Alameda 3.

SEVENTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

EIGHTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

NINTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

TENTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

ELEVENTH RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

Twelfth RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

Thirteenth RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

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Fifteenth RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

Sixteenth RACE—Pronta (8 to 5) 1. Establah (20 to 1) 2. Santa Teresa 3.

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JAPANESE SHIPS SMASHED BY THE RUSSIAN SHELLS

Government at St. Petersburg Officially Declares that the Variag and Korietz Sank a Cruiser and Torpedo-Boat-Destroyer and Disabled Another Vessel at Chemulpo.

CZAR'S FLEET IN PORT ARTHUR TRIES TO GET OUT.

They Are Met by the Alert Japs and Are Forced to Return After a Spirited Engagement in Which the Russian Ships and Some of the Outer Forts Were Damaged

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—The Government report of the naval action off Chemulpo, Corea (Feb. 8), says the Russian cruisers Variag and Korietz sank a Japanese cruiser and a torpedo-boat destroyer and crippled another vessel before returning to the harbor.

The Government to-day received from the officers of the Variag and Korietz, who are now at Shanghai, their account of the fight at Chemulpo. The account shows the admirable handling of the two Russian warships in the face of overwhelming odds.

The officers confirm the statements that when the Japanese squadron of eight warships appeared off Chemulpo they were met by the small torpedo gunboat Korietz, which had been sent out to reconnoitre; that the Korietz, on sighting the Japanese squadron, immediately returned to the harbor and sent the Russians a peremptory summons to surrender.

This message, the officers add, was disregarded, whereupon the Japanese threatened to enter the harbor and engage the Russians there.

As this would have endangered the other vessels in the harbor, including the French and other foreign warships, Capt. Roudnef, of the Variag, as senior officer, boldly gave orders that both vessels steam out and meet the enemy.

The fight outside between the Variag and Korietz and the eight Japanese warships resulted, according to the officers' report, in the sinking of two Japanese warships, one cruiser and one torpedo boat destroyer and the crippling of a third vessel.

The Russian ships were repeatedly struck, but they succeeded in re-entering the harbor, where the captains decided to blow up their ships to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy. The survivors of the crews were taken off and the two warships were set on fire. The Russians also blew up a small steamer, the Sungari, which was acting as a tender to the Variag.

The few St. Petersburgers who have just heard the authentic news of

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FERRY-BOATS IN RIVER COLLISION BY FILIPINOS.

Pilots Could See Nothing in Blinding Snow Storm, and Newark and Washington Collided with Great Force.

Five Hundred Fanatics Surround Constabulary While on Patrol Duty and Strike Down Seven in Fight.

MANILA, Feb. 19.—Lieut. McRae and six privates of the constabulary have been killed by a mob of 500 fanatics while patrolling the east coast of the island of Samar.

Private Salomon, of the Fourteenth Cavalry, stationed at Jolo, has also been killed by bolomen.

JEROME PLEADS FOR MILLER.
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WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday for New York City and vicinity: Snow and colder to-night; Saturday fair; winds shifting to west and northwest, fresh to brisk.

Ice mountain of 125 feet formed from the snow at Niagara Falls. Wonderful feat. It takes a day from New York to New York Central and West Shore.

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NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 19.—Glenn Bays, a negro, hunted down by a mob, was burned at the stake to-day near Crossett.

He was charged with the murder of J. D. Stephens, of Ashley County.

Stephens, who was a wealthy planter, had a few words with Bays yesterday, and the negro later secured a shotgun and killed Stephens at close range. Bloodhounds were brought on a special train from Lake Village and they readily took the scent and traced the slayer to his father's house, where the negro was found hiding in a well.

A mob, several hundred strong, surged around and dragged him out. He later made a full confession.

With hands and feet tied he was bound to a stake in his father's yard. Brush was piled around him, the torch applied and the man slowly burned to death.

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